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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CIVIL AVIATION STRIKE

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF A THREATENED STRIKE BY
SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL APPEARED
IN THE SEPTEMBER 28 EDITION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
DAILY THE STAR: QUOTE:

ALL SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS' FLIGHTS OVER THE CHRISTMAS
PERIOD ARE THREATENED BY A POSSIBLE STRIKE BY
AIRLINE ENGINEERS.

MEMBERS OF THE SAA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION HAVE SAID
THEY WILL DOWN TOOLS UNLESS MANAGEMENT MEET THEIR
WAGE AND WORKING CONDITIONS DEMANDS BY THE END OF
NOVEMBER.

THEY ARE CALLING FOR A 25 PERCENT WAGE ADJUSTMENT AND
A 40- HOUR WORKING WEEK, AS WELL AS A REVIEW OF THEIR
BONUS PAY SYSTEM.

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" SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS WILL NOT FLY WITHOUT THE
ENGINEERS," MR. S. FOURIE, SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION,
SAID TODAY.

" THE 1700 MEMEBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR ALL MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF SAA AIRCRAFT. THE
SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FILL OUR

SHOES, SO THIS WILL GROUND THE AIRLINE".

MR. FOURIE SAID MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION HAD CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT LAST NIGHT AFTER CALLS FOR A STRIKE.

" FEELING RAN HIGH AND THE EXECUTIVE ONLY JUST MANAGED TO CALM THE BOYS DOWN. WE EXPLAINED THE ONLY WAY WAS TO NEGOTIATE ", HE SAID.

ALL NEGOTIATIONS HAD TO GO THROUGH THE ARTISAN STAFF ASSOCIATION FIRST. UNQUOTE.

2. SA AIRWAYS ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION IS A REGISTERED INDEPENDENT UNION, ALL OF WHOSE MEMBERS ARE WHITE.

3. THE POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION BY CIVIL AVIATION MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL PARALLELS FRUSTRATION IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS WHERE WHITE UNIONISTS ARE ALSO DISILLUSIONED BY THE ANTI-INFLATIONARY WAGE POLICIES OF MINISTER OF TRANSPORT S.L. MULLER. THE RAILWAY WORKERS ARE ASKING FOR A TEN PERCENT WAGE INCREASE WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE RAILWAYS ARTISAN STAFF ASSOCIATION, IS " FOR LESS THAN COULD BE JUSTIFIED BY THE LEVEL OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX". THE COST OF LIVING RISE IN JULY ALONE, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS 4.2 PERCENT.
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